



COUNTY *of* LEXINGTON  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
SOUTH CAROLINA

# What's New in Lexington County

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— FROM THE DIRECTOR —

## Population Growth in Lexington County

South Carolina continues to grow and here in the heart of the state, Lexington County is growing even faster. That's the first takeaway from the 2020 U.S. Census estimates that have just begun appearing in recent weeks.

The Census Bureau now pegs the population of South Carolina at [5,118,425](#), up 10.7% since the 2010 count, making the Palmetto State one of 14 that notched population gains of more than 10% during that decade.

Meanwhile, Lexington County has grown even faster. We now boast an estimated 2020 population of [303,946](#), up 15.81% in the past 10 years, 7.8% in the past five, and 1.7% in a single year, from 2019 to 2020.

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# +15.81%

Estimated population growth of Lexington County during past 10 years.

# 303,946

Estimated 2020 population of Lexington County.

# 3.5%

Lexington County's unemployment rate in June 2021.

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That places our population growth among the fastest among the 46 counties in a state that also is among the fastest-growing in the country.

These numbers are preliminary estimates. The Census Bureau will release final estimates and deeper dives into the data in the coming months, including key workplace demographics that we look forward to sharing with you in the future.

In the meantime, it's encouraging to see that South Carolina's unemployment rate in June was 4.5%, significantly below the national rate of 5.9% as our national economy continues to recover from the worst effects of the pandemic.

In Lexington County, that [rate was 3.5%](#), continuing many years of employment performance that exceeds state and national averages. That's another indicator of how resilient and robust the economic base – across multiple segments from industrial to service to educational to agricultural – has become here in Lexington County.

In today's real-time world these statistics reflect durable fundamentals that have made and continue to make Lexington County an ideal place to locate, expand, and live.

Sincerely,



**Sarah J. Johnson**

Director, Department of Economic Development

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— SITE FEATURE —

## Saxe Gotha Industrial Park – Lot 3



Lot 3 in Saxe Gotha Industrial Park (featured above), between Amazon and Nephron Pharmaceuticals, is a 100-acre site in total with 68 developable acres. The County is currently installing the basins, along with clearing, grubbing and grading the balance of the developable area. This site boasts:

- 68 developable acres currently being proactively cleared & graded
- Interstate frontage
- Rail accessible
- Accessed via 4-lane divided highway
- 1 mile to Interstate
- Accommodates nearly 1M SF

[LEARN MORE ABOUT SAXE GOTHA INDUSTRIAL PARK](#)

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— ANNOUNCEMENT NEWS —

**Nephron Pharmaceuticals Corporation expanding operations in Lexington County**

*More than \$100 million investment will create 250 new jobs*

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** - July 15, 2021, [Nephron Pharmaceuticals Corporation](#) (Nephron) announced the opening of Nephron Nitrile, a plant that will produce American-made, medical-grade nitrile gloves. The more than \$100 million investment that will create 250 new jobs follows [Governor Henry McMaster's Executive Order 2021-17](#), which established a new, statewide focus on the recruitment of pharmaceutical and medical supply manufacturers and directs state agencies to focus procurement efforts of medicines, medical devices and medical supplies on those made in South Carolina.

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— ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SNAPSHOT —

**21**  
ACTIVE PROJECTS

**\$1.233 BILLION**  
NEW INVESTMENT POTENTIAL

**5,296**  
NEW JOB CREATION POTENTIAL

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# 146,597

**JOBS**

June 2021 employment for Lexington County is an increase of 5,079 jobs since December 2020.

# 3.5%

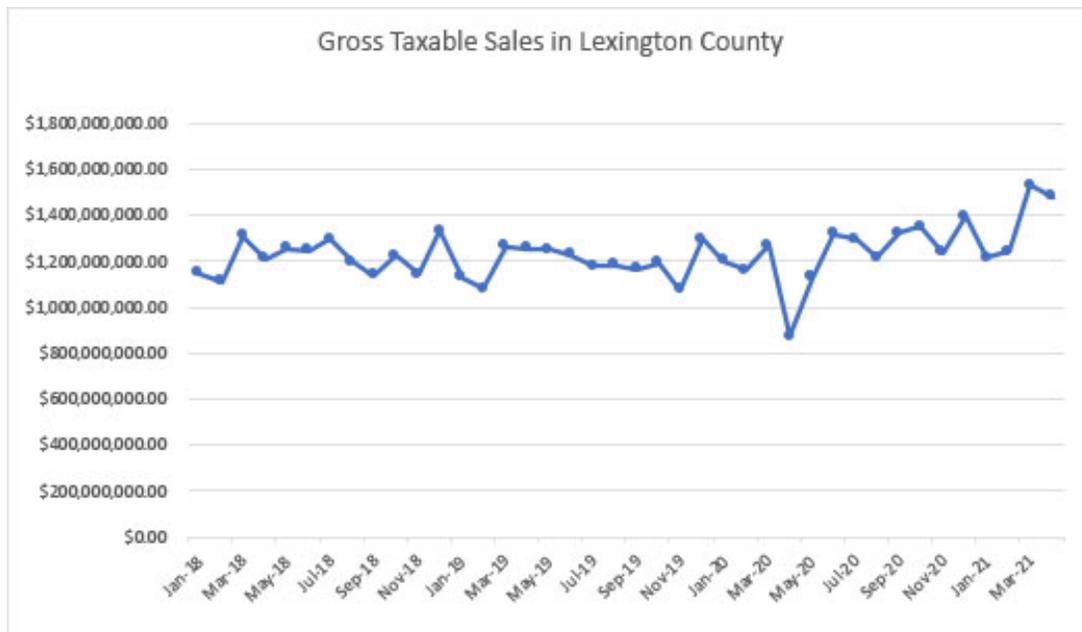
**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE**

Lexington County's rate in June is lower than region's (4.2%) and state's (4.5%).

*Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce & The Conference Board's Help Wanted OnLine® data series, South Carolina Data is Seasonally Adjusted*

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## Gross Taxable Sales Peaked at \$1.53 Billion in March 2021



— RESOURCES —

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From vegetables to tires to pharmaceuticals, our industries provide the nation and globe with essential products using our robust transportation system.  
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## Agribusiness in Lexington County

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# 3 Major Interstates

Lexington County has a Robust Transportation Network of Three Major Interstates — I-20, I-26 and I-77.

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